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Ms. Poe loves celebrating special moments with our 6th-grade students, and over the Holiday season, they explored the cherished tradition of Rosca de Reyes!

✨ What is Rosca de Reyes?

This beloved tradition in Mexico is especially meaningful on Día de los Reyes (January 6), celebrating the Three Wise Men's visit to baby Jesus. The wreath-shaped bread is adorned with candied fruits to represent jewels on a crown and often hides a small figurine of baby Jesus. Tradition says that whoever finds the baby in their slice gets to cook tamales for everyone on Candelaria Day (February 2)!

The students were thrilled to honor their culture in the classroom—it was tough to keep the excitement (and noise level) down! 😂 Watching them celebrate with pride, representing their families and traditions, was an absolute joy. 💖

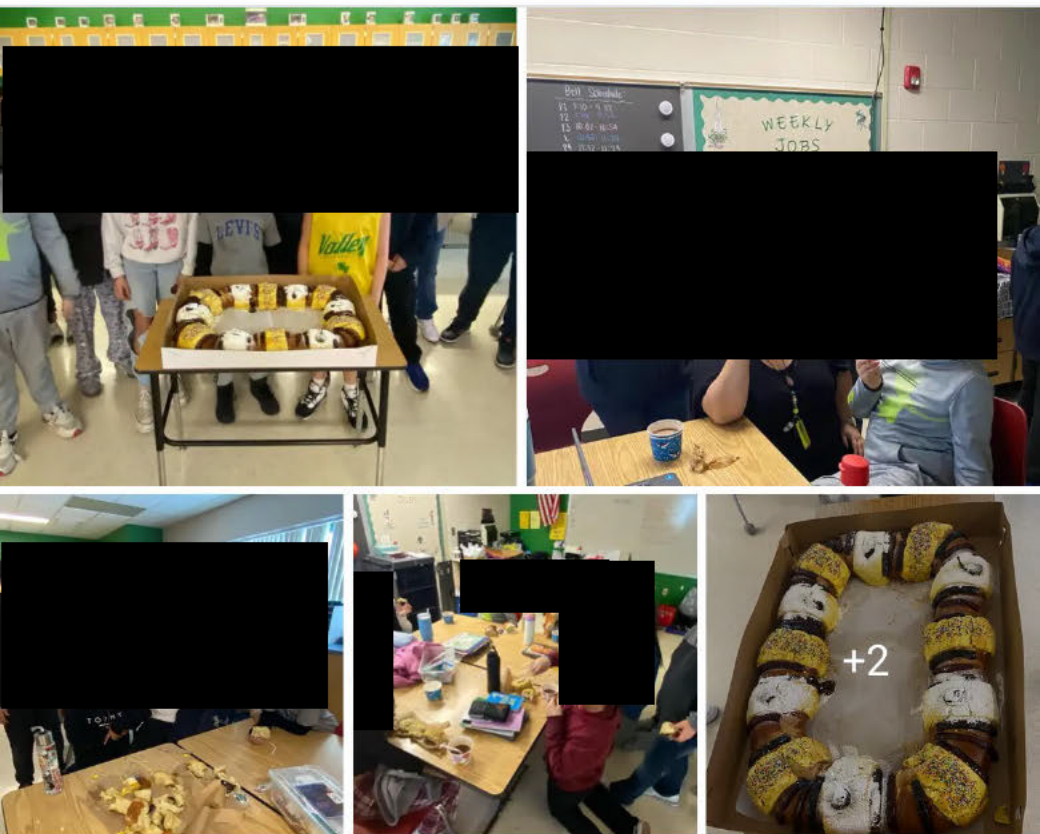
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That's great but there were other children who were left out of this celebration because they weren't Hispanic. they were pulled out of class for this special treat while the other kids had to stay in class. The celebration should have been for all the children and not selective based on ethnicity.

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Karen Poe-Ouellette

Grey Matter Matters The students were not pulled out of instructional class time. They came to celebrate during an advisory time (study hall). Here are some reasons to support why it was an event for just the Hispanic culture, hopefully this helps... For students from marginalized cultures, having a space where their culture is celebrated only by their peers from that culture can be empowering. If students who aren't from the culture are included in celebrations, there's a risk of it becoming performative or superficial, where the emphasis shifts from genuine cultural understanding to a "show" for others. Keeping the celebration within the cultural group can ensure that the focus remains on authenticity and respect. For some students, cultural celebrations may be a rare chance to connect with their heritage and bond with others who share similar experiences. This creates and ensures a safer, more intimate space for those who might otherwise feel marginalized or disconnected from their cultural identity.

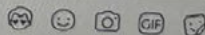
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Grey Matter Matters

I dont need a copy and paste explanation from wikipedia or where ever you pulled that explanation from. Advisory is still a class for these children and they were selected for special treatment that was not available for white, black, and asian kids. This is called racial discrimination, put any bow you want to on it. Thats what it is - discrimination. I know for a fact there were other children who felt left out. I can't help wonder why you felt it was ok to have a party that was exclusive to one ethnicity. If you really wanted the children to feel included, the whole class should have been invited - thereby making it a fun celebration for all children. This should not stand. YOU are a public servant committing a civil rights violation just fyi. Better lawyer up.

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